CAN WE...

.....

OKAY.

KISS?

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...BECAUSE IT'S A SECRET JUST BETWEEN US, OKAY?

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16.My love goes on and on

MURMUR

IF YOU'RE GONNA BREAK YOUR PROMISE,

Gyaah!? Embarrassing!!!

I WON'T LET YOU GO TO MEI!

MURMUR

WHOA!

CALM DOWN, NINA!

IT'S HER AND MEI GOING OUT, NOT YOU!

WHY THE FRIG,

ARE YOU SO INTENT ON PROTECTING SARA'S DATE?

ONEE...

.....!

HER OWN HAPPINESS IS SECOND TO HER.

ONEE ALWAYS ONLY THINKS OF OTHERS.

IF YOU TELL ONEE THAT YOU LOVE MEI,

SO,

SHE'LL DEFINITELY GIVE UP ON HER.

……!

THEREFORE I MUST WATCH OVER HER,

AND SUPPORT HER WHEN SHE NEEDS IT!

AND I LOVE ONEE GREATLY,

I DON'T WANT HER CHANCE AT HAPPINESS TO ESCAPE.

RING RING

NINA...

PUSH

HELLO?

There's something I want to give you...

Could we meet?

...Yuzu?

"?"

SARA

!

TIME OUT A SEC!

I HAVE TO

TELL SARA WHAT'S UP OR IT JUST WON'T DO.

?!

THAT WAS SARA.

She's at Kyoto Tower.

.....!

GRAB

...WAIT!

AND I MIGHT GET REJECTED BY MEI,

SARA MIGHT HATE ME FOR IT,

IF I DON'T, I'LL DEFINITELY REGRET IT LATER.

BUT I CAN'T LET IT END WITHOUT BARING MY FEELINGS.

.....

SO PLEASE LET ME GO, NINA.

...ALL RIGHT. I'LL COME WITH YOU.

BUT I ASKED FOR A PAUSE TO TALK TO YOU, YUZU.

WE WERE ON OUR DATE,

MEI IS SOME-PLACE ELSE.

SARA!

FWISH

I LOOKED INSIDE.

...HERE.

I FOUND IT IN THE BATH YESTERDAY.

SO, WE'RE...

BOTH IN LOVE WITH THE SAME PERSON, AREN'T WE?

YOU WANT TO CONFESS TO MEI, RIGHT?

I WANT TO...

...SAY, SARA...

CLENCH

ONEE! YOU SHOULDN'T!!

SO WE SHOULD HAVE EVEN CHANCES.

I DID SAY YOU HAVE TO CONVEY YOUR FEELINGS.

...HOWEVER,

KNOWING THAT, DO YOU STILL WANT TO GO AND CONFESS?

.....

EVEN IF YOU CAN GET YOUR FEELINGS ACROSS,

I'M NOT SO SURE MEI WILL ACCEPT THEM.

YES, I STILL WANT TO!

SHE'S SERIOUS, COOL AND COLLECTED, AND A WONDERFUL PERSON.

...I UNDER-STOOD AS SOON AS I STARTED DATING MEI.

BUT...

I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT, YUZU.

HE-HEH.

?!

Giggle

Giggle

YOU TWO HAVE TO TRY HARDER TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

SHE HIDES A HEART THAT IS EASILY WOUNDED.

YES.

TRY HARDER TO UNDER-STAND...

AND THAT'S TRUE FOR YOU, TOO, YUZU.

AND YOU, SARA?

HERE.

MEI IS AT YASAKA SHRINE.

I'LL LET YOU GO.

...SARA, YOU CAN HAVE THIS.

I'M NOT THE ONE MEI IS WAITING FOR.

A CHARM?

.....!

I'M NOT SURE IF I'LL BE GOOD AT IT, BUT

I'LL TRY TO WATCH OVER YOU, TOO, SARA.

THANK YOU, SARA...!

RUN

THIS EXCURSION *I'M* THE LUCKIEST AFTER ALL!

LEAVE SUPPORT TO ME!

Hm-hmm! ★

ONEE!!

Whe-hey!!

STARTLE

BECOMING CAPTIVATED BY MEI,

AND MEETING YUZU,

UHUU...

MY FATED PERSON.

WHY ARE YOU SUP-PORTING YUZU'S LOVE?!

IT MAKES NO SENSE! MEI IS ONEE'S...

I THINK, IT WAS BY DESTINY TO UNITE THEM.

AND ISN'T THAT WONDER-FUL?

IT'S NOT WONDER-FUL AT ALL!

WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO YOU!!

YOU MUSTN'T CALL IT YOUR DESTINY

?!

IT'S NOT HARD ON ME.

EH?

I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY, ONEE...!

NINA...

SEEING YOU GIVE UP ON YOUR OWN HAPPINESS,

I REALLY HATE IT!

FORTUNE TELLING AND THE LIKE ARE JUST TOOLS.

A PUSH IN THE BACK!

Destiny makes it more romantic, right?

.....

SUP-PORTING YUZU,

AND BREAKING UP WITH MEI,

ARE BOTH THINGS THAT I WANTED TO DO.

ONEE, ARE YOU HAPPY?

What Mei desires,

what Mei needs,

I thought I had it all figured out, always thinking about her, but...

However,

I realize I may just have been forcing my own presumptions on Mei.

after being told to doubt whether Mei really sees things the same way,

I HAVE A LITTLE SISTER WHO LOVES ME.

NO SISTER WOULD BE UNHAPPY WITH THAT.

YES, YES. I GOTTA INTERRUPT FOR A SECOND.

"TRY HARDER TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER"

HMM...

YOU WANT *IT*, RIGHT...?

?!

No, what am I saying?

that Christmas eve, wasn't she...

FLUTTER

There definitely wasn't.

Did I think something was off about Mei that night?

I love Mei, but still...

SO MAYBE...

is *me.*

The one who isn't accepting the other's feelings

I have ***got*** to tell Mei how I feel no matter what!!

RUN

if we don't convey our feelings first, we can't accept each other?

In that case...!

HAA

STARTLE

!

RUN

HAA

SOB

HAAH

HAAH

Finally, I found her!

MEI!!

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

...YUZU,

!

I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING, AND THIS TIME I'LL DO IT CLEARLY!

JUST ONCE MORE,

EH?

TURN

THERE'S *NOTHING* I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

THIS TIME I REALLY NEED TO TELL YOU!

WAI-!!

WAIT UP, MEI!

I...!

MEI, I REALLY...!!

RUN

DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU AT ALL!!

HUGGING ME OUT OF THE BLUE!

LIKE PUSHING ME DOWN AND KISSING ME!

YOU LOOK DOWN ON ME AND TREAT ME COLDLY!

HAAH

HAAH

JUST WHEN I THINK HOW KIND YOU ARE,

HAAH

...BUT!!

THE THINGS YOU DO ARE COMPLETELY INCOMPRE-HENSIBLE!

WHEEZE...

HAH!

!

THE SAME WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU, RIGHT?

MEI, YOU FEEL ABOUT ME,

GRR

HAAH

HAAH...

HAAH

HAAH

I WAS SO EXCITED IT WAS HAPPENING,

AND SO HAPPY...

CHRIST-MAS EVE, TOO...

HAAH..

HAH...

THAT TIME WHEN YOUR FATHER CAME BACK, TOO...

YOU NEED ME, DON'T YOU?

YOU...

SO I COULDN'T ACCEPT YOU...

KEST Y

SEE?

BUT I DIDN'T LISTEN TO YOUR FEELINGS,

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I MULLED IT OVER I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT.

AND FELT REALLY DOWN.

I REGRET-TED IT,

I DON'T WANT TO FEEL THAT WAY AGAIN.

I LOVE YOU, MEI.

AND THESE FEELINGS WON'T BETRAY YOU.

FEEL THE SAME ABOUT ME...

IF YOU, MEI,

SO,

PLEASE,

KISS
ME!

BADUM

SLIDE...

BADUM

FWISH

BADUM...

BADUM

BADUM

PAT...

THANK YOU,

BUT...

SMOOCH...

I WANT SECONDS!

THAT'S HARD TO SAY

WE SHOULD START DATING FIRST.

THIS MEANS YOU LIKE ME BACK?

PAT

HMM!

PAT

GEEZ... ALWAYS SO DISHONEST!

UH, DID YOU JUST SAY WE'RE DATING?!

Hey, Mei, wait up!

I'M HOME.

GRANDMA, I BOUGHT SOUVE-NIRS...

...HM?

SLIDE

WELCOME BACK, HARUMI.

HOW WAS YOUR EXCUR-SION?

URGH... NEE-CHAN...

SHOCK

BY THE WAY,

Beep...

!

Fwish...

IT WAS FUN.

WENT BY WITHOUT A HITCH.

THAT'S GREAT.

CLACK...

THE SCHOOL'S ATMOSPHERE SURE CHANGED SINCE I LEFT.

GULP

!!

ONE OF OUR COSTUMERS TOLD ME

THERE'S A STUDENT AT AIHARA ACADEMY

WHO'S DYED HER HAIR.

PERHAPS I SHOULD

TAKE A LOOK WHAT THEIR STUDENT COUNCIL IS DOING.

To be continued.

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